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This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 11, 2002, and is timely filed.

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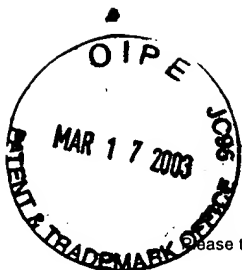
Please amend claims 1-3, 9-11, 17-19, 27, 33, and 34 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:

a substantially non-rectangular gaming machine top box housing having a substantially hollow interior;

a door having a display panel; and

a hinge operatively attaching the door to the housing.



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